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From January 4. to January 11. 1732,3.

Mr. Franklin,

WALKING the Street on one of these late slippery Mornings, I caught two terrible Falls, which made me, by way of Precaution for the future, get my Shoes frosted before I went home: for I am a stiff old Fellow, and my Joints none of the most pliant. At the Door before which I fell last, stood a Gentleman-like Looby, with a couple of Damsels, who all made themselves wonderful merry with my Misfortune: And had not a good Woman, whose Door I had just passed, come and helped me up, I might for ought I know, have given them an Hour's Diversion before I found my Legs again. This good Woman, Heaven bless her, had sprinkled Ashes before her Door: I wish her long Life and better Neighbours. I have reason to think the merry People would not have risen so early, and exposed themselves to the Air, that cold Morning, were it not for the sake of enjoying such Entertainments as I afforded them. But they were not alone in the Thing; I saw before I got home, twenty other Gigglets, all employ'd at their Doors in the same Manner. Strange Perverseness of Disposition! to delight in the Mishaps which befal People who have no way disoblig'd us. My Shoes, as I have said, being frosted, I intend the next slippery Time to make a Tour throughout the Town, and take a general List of all the Housekeepers, whom I will divide into three Classes. The humane, kind, compassionate, benevolent Class, I shall easily distinguish by the Ashes at their Doors, as God's People were distinguish'd in *Egypt* by the Sprinkling of their Door-posts. The malicious and ill-natured Class I shall know by their Mirth at every Fall or accidental Slip of the Passengers in the Street. The indifferent, thoughtless Class, are the rest. As every Man that walks upon uneven Ice, hazards at each Step his Limbs; methinks some Honours ought to be decreed those of my first Class, proportionate to what the *Romans* gave him that sav'd the Life of a Fellow-Citizen: They shall, however, be sure of my Respect and Friendship. With regard to those of my two latter Classes, I am resolved, I will not so much as civilly salute one of them, I will not give one of them the Wall, I will not make Room for any of them at a Fire, nor hand them any Thing at a Table, I will not direct a Customer to one of them, if any of my first Class deal in the same Things: In short, I will be as cross-grain'd towards them as 'tis possible for a good-natur'd old Man to be; who is *Your Friend and Reader*, N. N.

To the Printer of the GAZETTE.

SIR,

I AM told that one *Bickerstaff* of Great Britain, did Honour to the Family of the *Staffs*, by the Genealogy and History which he published of it. The Family of the *Boxes* (of which I am a Branch, tho' an unworthy and spurious one) I believe, if less noble, is not less ancient, and I am sure is full as numerous, being myself acquainted with some Scores of 'em; yet no publick Notice has hitherto been taken of us. Receive then the following Account, which is written with Impartiality.

We give the first place to the Females. There are Mistresses *Saltbox*, *Knifebox*, *Candlebox*, *Ironingbox*, *Bandbox*, and *Dustbox*, all tight cleanly Dames, and well respected in their Places; tho' it must be acknowledged that Mrs. *Saltbox*, like some other good Housewives, is apt to be a little loud, somewhat sharp with her Tongue, and commonly reputed a Scold. Madams *Powderbox*, *Dressingbox*, and *Patchbox* are gay Ladies, and Admirers of fine Company; they don't trouble themselves much with Family Drudgery. Now for the Males. *Cartouch-box* is a great Soldier, and has done some Good and much Mischief in his Time, but of late Years has little Business, and 'tis hoped long Peace will oblige him to turn himself to something else. *Dicebox* did not get, but lost, his Living by Gaming, and is almost reduc'd to Beggary. *Butterbox* settled in Holland, where his Family is wonderfully encreased. *Strongbox* is an old covetous Miser, condemn'd to keep great Sums of Money, without being able to make use of them: *Note*, there was formerly a Kinsman of his, one *Moneybox*, a Dwarff; he broke his Heart at being turn'd out of his Office by *Fitz-Pocketbook* that came in with *Paper-Money* the Conqueror. *Tinderbox* is a Tradesman; he rises before day, and has by the single Force of Industry, got so much Money in a little time, that People think he has found a Treasure. *Tobacco-box* is a good honest sober Toper, and no spunging Companion, tho' frequently impos'd upon by those that are. *Pillbox* is a Physician of some Note; but contrary to the Practice of all other Doctors, he ventures to take his own Physick. *Coachbox* was a Statesman, and drove the Government; he would now and then tolerate a few Hangers-on, but the envious Mob were continually teazing him with a *Lick behind! Lick behind!* *Juglerbox* and *Sugarbox* were his intimate Friends. *Pepper-Box* is a Gentleman of Wales; he is warm of Temper, and apt to be testy if People are too free with him, but obliging enough to those who know how to use him with good Manners: Some of his Countrymen call him *Pox*; but surely this must be meer Malice, since 'tis notorious he is pepper-proof. *Box-of-whistles* is an Organist, and would willingly settle in a certain City, but cannot meet with Encouragement sufficient, because there are other Beasts, besides Asses, who do not love Musick: Some esteem him no better than the *Box of Pandora*. *Sandbox* is a Scrivener, a useful Man in his Neighbourhood, but a prodigious Lover of Circumlocution and Tautology: that he may have it in his Power to say the same Things over and over again, he speaks, and immediately eats his Expressions: A Man of Words and not of Deeds, has been always a contemptible Character; *Sandbox* has the same Opinion of a Man of *Deeds* who is not a Man of Words. *Bonebox* is a Free-Mason, and a sure Keeper of Secrets. *Christmasbox* is a Candidate for Offices, mightily reserv'd all the Year till the Time of Election approaches, then you have him appearing in Publick and requesting the Suffrages of the People with much Humility and Good Manners. Sometimes he is forward enough to profess he has only the publick Interest in View: But, if you see a Hol-

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low in his Heart, be ſure it gapes for ſomething. *Wiebox* is of ſmall Note, he does little but go of Errands. *Snifflox* is of neither Sex, or rather of both Sexes; 'Tis an impertinent, officious, complaiſant Coxcomb, perpetually offering Service to every body, without doing any body Good. *Sancebox* is a Jackanapes Brother of mine, ſo much like me, that we have frequently been miſtaken for each other. But I ſhall not allow *Wrongbox*, nor *Box in the Ear*, to be of our Family; eſpecially the latter, who has been a declared Enemy to me from my Infancy, and has given me frequent Inſults. I am, Sir, *Your very humble Servant*,

Neſt of-boxes, Jan. 3. 1732,3. CHATTER-BOX.

Hague, July 27. Yeſterday about Ten o' Clock in the Forenoon, arrived here an Expreſs from Bruſſels, by Mynheer Van Aſſendelſt, their High Mightineſſes Reſident, to give them an Account, that a Ship belonging to our Weſt-India Company being forced into the Road of Oſtend, was ſeiz'd in Repriſal for one of the Oſtend Company's Ships, which our Eaſt-India Company's Ships, in concert with the Engliſh, took & ſunk about 2 Years ago at the Mouth of the Ganges, where ſhe traded under Poliſh Colours, in Violation of the Preliminaries. Mynheer Van Aſſenndelſt immediately complained to the Court of this Proceeding; but was anſwered, that it was done by the Emperor's Order. As ſoon as their High Mightineſſes were informed of what had happened, they ſent to deſire Count Sinzendorff to come to the Court, where their High-Mightineſſes Deputies had a long Conference with him, and made great Complaints to him, both of the Action and the Anſwer; which were the more unexpected, becauſe when Complaint was made to that Miniſter of the Departure of the two Ships, one of which was afterwards taken at the Mouth of the Ganges, he anſwered, that his Imperial Majeſty had communicated the Preliminary Articles to the Oſtend Company, and forbid them to Act contrary thereto; and that therefore the ſaid Ships were not under his Imperial Majeſty's Protection, but our India Company might deal with them in what manner they thought fit, &c. C. Sinzendorff anſwered by proteſting that he knew nothing of what they had been telling him; and that he much doubted whether his Imperial Majeſty had any Knowledg of it; but that for his own Part, he very much diſapprov'd the Action, and would write to the Emperor accordingly. That Miniſter did in ſhort, communicate what he wrote upon that Subject, both to Bruſſels and to Prague. The States of Holland who were met, did not break up till Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, to hear the Report of their Deputies in their High-Mightineſſes Aſſembly. This Affair makes a great Noiſe here and will undoubtedly be taken to Heart; the rather, becauſe the Engliſh will make it a common cauſe with us. Beſides, the Oſtend Company is not now in a Condition to act, being aboliſhed, dead and buried; unleſs they are become *Vampyers*, and do more Miſchief in their Grave, than whilſt living.

PHILADELPHIA, *Jan* 11.

Yeſterday, being Market Day, Watt who was concern'd in the Counterfeit Money, as mentioned in one of our late Papers, receiv'd part of his Puniſhment, being whipt, pilloried and cropt. He behaved ſo as to touch the Compaſſion of the Mob, aud they did not fling at him (as was expected) neither Snow-balls nor any Thing elſe. We hear that Grindal, the Importer of the Bills, and chief Perſon concern'd, was taken in the Jerſies, but afterwards made his Eſcape. In his Pocket-Book was found the Account of Charge, ſo much to the Painter, ſo much for engraving the Plates, ſo much for Paper, &c.

By Letters from London we learn, that the Spaniards are preparing for a much greater Expedition in April next, than that of the laſt Year. That 'tis believed there will be a new Parliament called after the concluſion of the next Seſſion. That there is a moſt lamentable Account from Conſtantinople, that the Plague ſweeps away 1000 a day, and is got into the Seraglio; the Janizaries threaten to depoſe the preſent Sultan, and ſet the former on the Throne; the Government is in great Confuſion, and the Perſians purſue their Conqueſts. That the French King is like to get the better of his Parliament, and oblige them to Obedience. That Ambaſſadors from France and Spain are arrived in London with great Retinues.

Buried in the ſeveral Burying-Grounds of this City ſince our laſt.

Church - - - - -	4.	Baptiſts - - - - - - - - - -		1.
Quakers - - - -	0.	Strangers	Whites - -	1.
Presbyterians - -	1.		Blacks - - -	1.

Advertiſements.

ALL *Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of* David Breintnal, *Shopkeeper, lately deceaſed, are deſired to make ſpeedy Payment to* John Breintnal, *Executor; and all Perſons that have any Demands on the ſaid Eſtate are deſired to bring their Accounts to him, in order to their being ſatisfyed.*

The Eyewater *which uſed to be ſold by* David Breintnal, *continues to be ſold by the ſaid* John Breintnal *at the Wholebone in Cheſnut-ſtreet.*

RUN *away on the 25th of December paſt, from* Stephen Armit, *of Philadelphia, Joiner, a Servant Man named* Thomas Holt, *aged about* 21 *Years, a likely well-ſet Fellow, an Iriſhman, with a good Head of Hair. Had on a grey cloth Coat full trim'd, a light-colour'd broadcloth Coat under it, with long Pockets; ſtriped holland Jacket, Leather Breeches, and a good Beaver Hat. Whoever ſecures the ſaid Servant ſo that he may be had again, ſhall have* Twenty Shillings *Reward, and reaſonable Charges paid by* Stephen Armit.

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